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The Honorable Chris R. Holden, Chair
Assembly Committee on Appropriations
1020 O Street, Suite 8220
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Dear Assembly Member Holden:

**SUPPORT – ASSEMBLY BILL 1985 (ROBERT RIVAS) AS INTRODUCED ON
FEBRUARY 10, 2022 – ORGANIC WASTE: LIST: AVAILABLE PRODUCTS**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) is pleased to **Support** Assembly Bill 1985 (AB 1985), as introduced on February 10, 2022.

The proposed legislation, if enacted, would require the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to create and maintain a list of available organic waste products, regularly update the list, and add participants requesting to be included. Additionally, CalRecycle is required to verify the accuracy of the information being provided by entities and organize the list by ZIP Code prior to posting on their website.

The Task Force is in support of this measure as it would provide a compiled list of available organic waste products to assist jurisdictions in meeting the procurement needs of Senate Bill 1383 (Lara, 2016) which requires cities and counties to annually procure a quantity of these organic waste products based on their respective population size.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939), the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of all major solid waste planning documents prepared for the County of Los Angeles and the 88 cities in Los Angeles County with a combined population in excess of ten million. Consistent with these responsibilities and to ensure a coordinated and cost-effective and environmentally sound solid waste management system in Los Angeles County, the Task Force also addresses issues impacting the system on a countywide basis. The Task Force membership includes representatives of the League of California Cities-Los Angeles

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County Division, County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, City of Los Angeles, waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

Based on the foregoing, the Task Force **supports** AB 1985. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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